

As you are probably well-aware, communications towers present a formidable threat to the survival of birds, particularly migratory birds. I urge the FCC to adopt policies that:

- \* Implement protections, such as voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
- \* Undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts;
- \* Require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental review;
- \* Institute a communications industry-funded research program that to identify tower design, lighting condition and placement that result in bird mortality; and
- \* Begin a systematic review of towers and bird mortality issues.

Thank you.